Back 2 School Committee

Friday August 14, 2020

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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Agenda

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>
   Superintendent Dustin Williams

2. <u>ROLL CALL</u>
   Superintendent Dustin Williams

3. <u>AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRINCIPLES PRESENTED TO GUIDE DECISION MAKING AND PLANNING FOR IN-SCHOOL LEARNING</u>
   Dr. Theresa Cullen

4. <u>DISCUSSION AND AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH CRITERIA TO BE MET PRIOR TO TRANSITIONING TO A HYBRID MODEL OF IN-SCHOOL LEARNING</u>
   Dr. Francisco Garcia and Dr. Theresa Cullen

5. <u>HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS FOR DEVELOPING SCHOOL MITIGATION PLANS</u>
   Dr. Theresa Cullen

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Guiding Principles for Re-opening

- Equitable outcomes for all students, staff, and faculty regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or their need to refrain from in-person activities due to concerns about COVID-19

- Returning safely to in-person instruction decisions based on state and local public health guidance and school-specific information

- Integration of emerging scientific based evidence in decision making

- Ability to ensure appropriate isolation of symptomatic students/staff and protocols in place for transportation to location for quarantine or isolation

- Protection of individuals in community, and their family members, who are vulnerable to severe COVID-19 disease, or to harassment or discrimination

- Consideration of harmful effects due to school closure (e.g. social-emotional effects of quarantine/isolation; widening disparity in educational attainment; reduced access to meals; increase in substance misuse, domestic violence, anxiety/depression)

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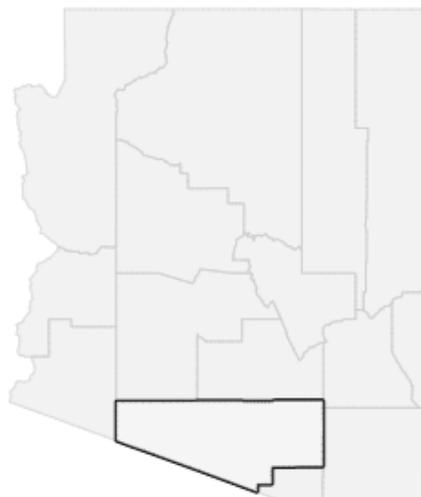
Arizona State School Reopening Guidance

- "Local Education Agencies (LEAs) should consult with their Local Health Department in assessing if physical school buildings should reopen." ~ADHS *When to Consider Reopening*

The ADHS further defines community spread levels with the thresholds outlined below. These thresholds are consistent with the national standards set by the Coronavirus Task Force.

Benchmarks	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Cases	<10 cases/100,000	10-100 cases/100,000	>100 cases/100,000
Percent Positivity	<5%	5-10%	>10%
COVID-like Illness	<5%	5-10%	>10%

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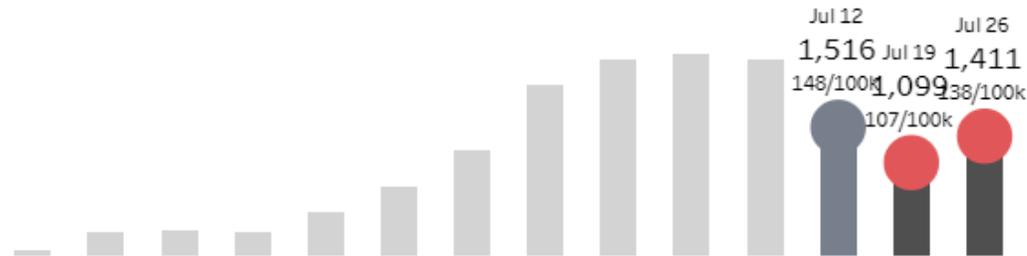A Healthy Pima County. Every one. Every where. Every day.
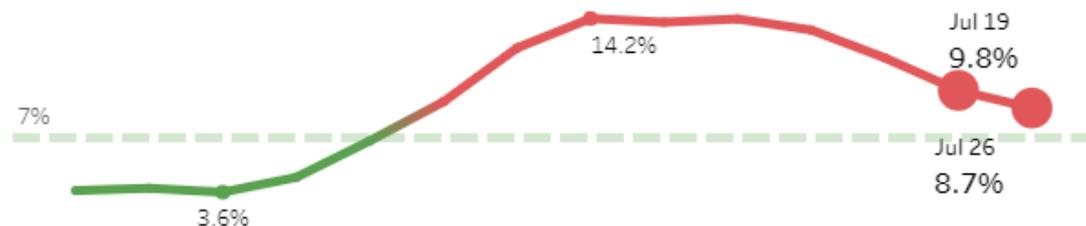
ADHS Data for Pima

Select a county to filter the data.

Showing data for **Pima County** (Southeastern Region)

Benchmark Not Met

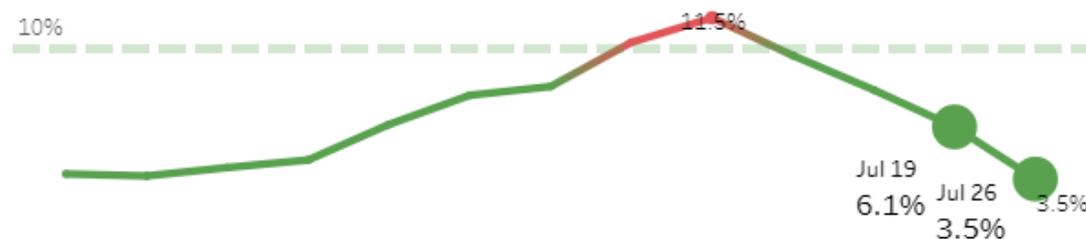1 a) ❌ Decline in cases Not Met **or**

1 b) ❌ less than 100 cases per 100,000 individuals for two consecutive weeks:

Jul 12
1,516 Jul 19
148/100k **1,099**
107/100k

Jul 26
1,411
138/100k

2) ❌ Two consecutive weeks with percent positivity below 7%: Benchmark Not Met

7%

14.2%

Jul 19
9.8%

Jul 26
8.7%

3.6%

3) ✅ Two consecutive weeks with hospital visits for COVID-like illnesses in the region below 10%: Benchmark Met

10%

11.5%

Jul 19
6.1%

Jul 26
3.5%

3.5%

What is this dashboard?

ADHS County-Level School Benchmarks
This dashboard is used to determine the level of community spread of COVID-19 in Arizona and assist with decision making for the types of delivery model schools may consider.

Time Frame
This dashboard does not look at the past two weeks due to potential lags in data.

Hover over the icon to get more information on the data in this dashboard. ⓘ

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Past PCHD Recommended Return to Business Used for Return to School Criteria

1. Disease Criteria

	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Decreasing cases over two consecutive weeks		(yellow)	
Decreasing COVID-19 related deaths over 14 day	(red)		
Decreasing hospitalizations	(red)		

2. Healthcare Capacity Criteria

	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Lab Testing Availability and Utilization		(yellow)	
Adequate hospital bed capacity to care for 2X the current COVID cases (+ surge) – Statewide		(yellow)	
Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders		(yellow)	

3. Public Health Capacity Criteria

	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Timely case investigation	(red)		
Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours	(red)		
Facilities/support for patients who can't be discharged home – Statewide		(yellow)	

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Aligning Metrics

- 7 out of 9 PCHD criteria align with ADHS benchmarks
  - **Disease criteria shared one metric with State metrics**
    - **Cases**
  - **Healthcare Capacity Criteria will remain unchanged**
  - **Public Health Capacity Criteria will remain unchanged**

- Propose to modify "Disease Data" to align with ADHS benchmarks and include:
  - **Percent Positivity**
  - **COVID-like illness**

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Updated Disease Criteria

1. Disease Criteria

Disease Criteria	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Cases over two consecutive weeks (with complete reporting of data)	🟥		
⭐ Percent Positivity	🟥		
⭐ COVID-like Illness			🟩

2. Healthcare Capacity Criteria

Healthcare Capacity Criteria	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Lab Testing Availability and Utilization		🟨	
Adequate hospital bed capacity to care for 2X the current COVID cases (+ surge) – Statewide		🟨	
Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders		🟨	

3. Public Health Capacity Criteria

Public Health Capacity Criteria	Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met
Timely case investigation	🟥		
Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours	🟥		
Facilities/support for patients who can't be discharged home – Statewide		🟨	

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CASES over two consecutive weeks (with complete reporting of cases)

- **Not Met** – The number of new positive cases is more than 100 cases/100,000/week for two weeks in a row

- **Progress** – The number of new cases is between 10-100 cases/100,000/ week for two weeks in a row

- **Criteria Met** – The number of new cases is less than 10 cases/100,000/week for two weeks in a row; if new case number goes above 10 cases/100,00, category will return to 'progress'.

- **Tracking Source** – PCHD Cases by MMWR Week . See latest "Case, Death, and COVID-19 Like Illness Report." Confirmed with AzDHS data. This measure will lag behind by 12 days due to lag time in acquisition of data.

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Percent Positivity

- **Not Met** – Two weeks with percent positivity above 10%

- **Progress** –Two weeks with percent positivity between 5 and 10%

- **Criteria Met** – Two weeks with percent positivity less than 5% If positivity begins to increase, the category will return to "Progress."

- **Tracking Source** – AzDHS reporting. This measure will lag behind by 12 days due to lag time in acquisition of data.

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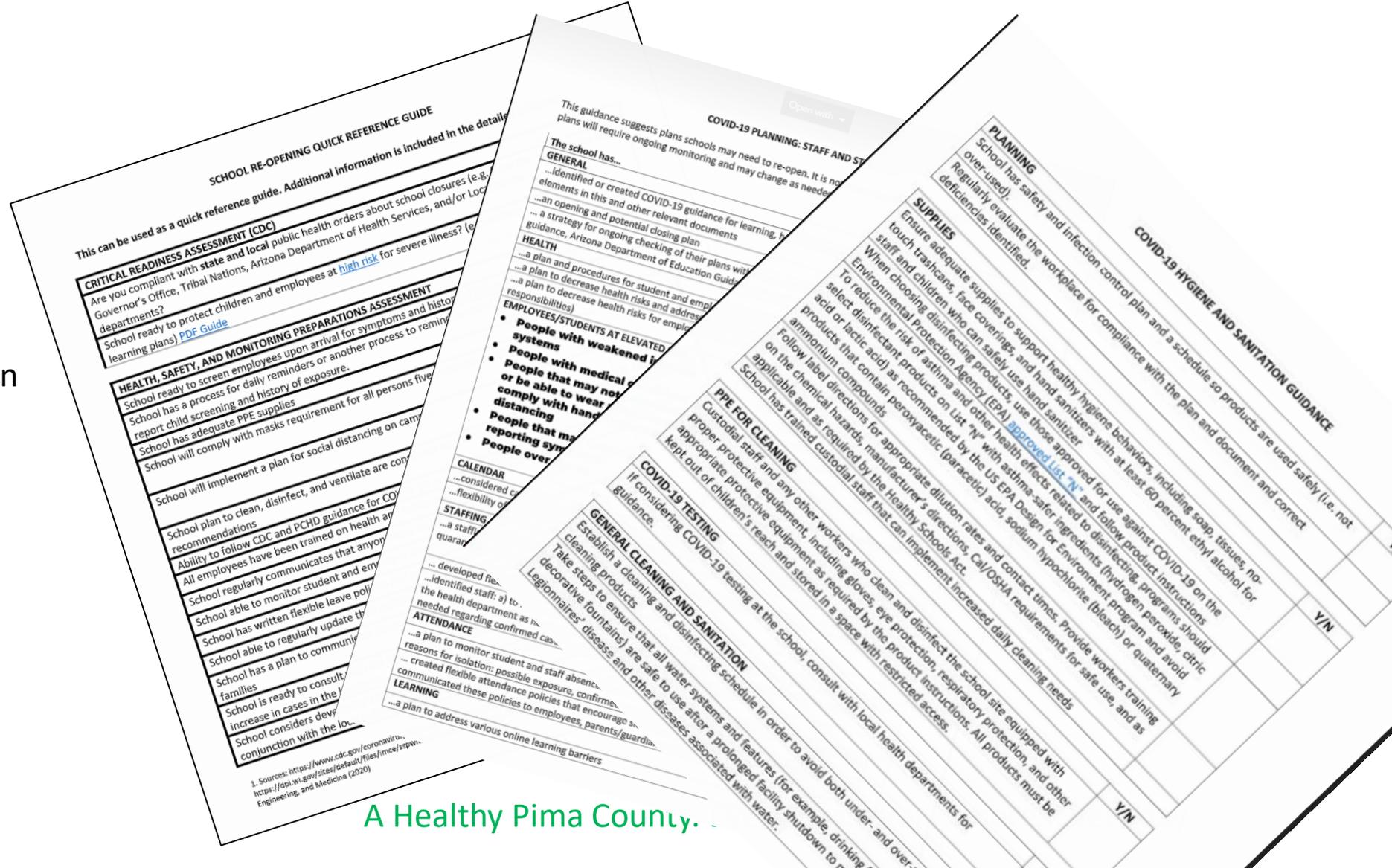
COVID-like Illness

- **Not Met:** Two weeks with hospital visits due to COVID-like illness greater than 10%

- **Progress:** Two weeks with hospital visits due to COVID-like illness between 5 and 10%

- **Criteria Met**: Two weeks with hospital visits less than 5%; if case percentage increases, the category will return to "progress".

- **Tracking Source** – PCHD Cases by MMWR Week . See latest "Case, Death, and COVID-19 Like Illness Report." Confirmed with AzDHS data. This measure will lag behind by 12 days due to lag time in acquisition of data.

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Proposed PCHD Role

- Establish School Liaison team to lead 2-3 weekly webinars for schools, communicating current guidance and timely updates
- One liaison to function as a point of contact with up to 7 CT staff from Maximus to assist schools with CT efforts
- Deploy school interface as a fully accessible resource
  - PDF's for mitigation messaging
  - Planning tools and other helpful links
- Support District level COVID-19 mitigation plan through self attestation to PCHD guidance coupled with PCHD review and feedback EOCEducation@pima.gov
- Support school distance learning with health enhancing instructional material

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Planning Assessment and Tool

- 16 page checklist

- Condensed and robust assessment of mitigation strategies

- Intentioned as a foundation for planning for return

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Plug and Plan

- School District has contracted with (company) to provide appropriate supplies for staff and students to ensure healthy hygiene behaviors. Staff will be provided (number) masks every semester.

- Custodial staff are trained on chemical hazards, manufacturer's directions, Cal/OSHA requirements for safe use, and as applicable and as required by the Healthy Schools Act.

COVID-19 HYGIENE AND SANITATION GUIDANCE

PLANNING	Y/N
School has safety and infection control plan and a schedule so products are used safely (i.e. not over-used).	
Regularly evaluate the workplace for compliance with the plan and document and correct deficiencies identified.	

SUPPLIES	Y/N
Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trashcans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer	
When choosing disinfecting products, use those approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved List "N" and follow product instructions	
To reduce the risk of asthma and other health effects related to disinfecting, programs should select disinfectant products on List "N" with asthma-safer ingredients (hydrogen peroxide, citric acid or lactic acid) as recommended by the US EPA Design for Environment program and avoid products that contain peroxyacetic (paracetic) acid, sodium hypochlorite (bleach) or quaternary ammonium compounds	
Follow label directions for appropriate dilution rates and contact times. Provide workers training on the chemical hazards, manufacturer's directions, Cal/OSHA requirements for safe use, and as applicable and as required by the Healthy Schools Act.	
School has trained custodial staff that can implement increased daily cleaning needs	

PPE FOR CLEANING	Y/N
Custodial staff and any other workers who clean and disinfect the school site equipped with proper protective equipment, including gloves, eye protection, respiratory protection, and other appropriate protective equipment as required by the product instructions. All products must be kept out of children's reach and stored in a space with restricted access.	

COVID-19 TESTING	Y/N
If considering COVID-19 testing at the school, consult with local health departments for guidance.	

GENERAL CLEANING AND SANITATION	Y/N
Establish a cleaning and disinfecting schedule in order to avoid both under- and over-use of cleaning products	
Take steps to ensure that all water systems and features (for example, drinking fountains and decorative fountains) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.	

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Executive Order 2020-51

Arizona Open for Learning

- Provides some potential funding

- August 17th must provide a "...place to go during the day..."

- Districts and charters may adopt procedures to ensure physical distancing and mitigation strategies (3c)

- Waiver may be applied for under circumstances (3d) of "outbreak" or adjacent tribal sovereign nation issuing "Stay at Home"

- Mitigation plan (4c) and mitigation policies (5a,b,c) are required

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Executive Order 2020-51 (*Cont.)*

- PCHD will be working to develop further technical assistance on this order where overlap with health occurs

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